

Herman Hiepler

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Herman Fredrick Hiepler was born in Arena Township, near Madison, Minn., to Adolph and Martha Struck Hiepler on May 2, 1902. This is the area where he attended parochial school and grew up. In 1919, the family moved to South Dakota and settled southeast of Ellendale where he farmed. In 1926, he and his brother, Fred, started farming near Winship, S.D.

He was married to Alvina Schmaal at Roscoe on December 7, 1938. They made their home and farmed near Winship until 1941 when the family moved to the Hecla area. In 1954 he retired from farming and moved into Hecla and worked with the U.S. Dept. of Ag. Corn Screening Crew. In September 1961, the family moved to Columbia, where he worked for the Brown County Highway Dept. until his retirement in 1977 and they move to Groton where they were living at the time of his death.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, the Groton Area Senior Citizens, and the South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Groton Branch.

Survivors include his wife, Alvina, Groton; one daughter, Mrs. Raymond (Joann) Pomplun, Aberdeen; two brothers, Walter Hiepler, Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Ernest Hiepler, Mesa, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Fred (Louise) Grimm, Clinton, Minn.; and Mrs. Marie Menzel, Odessa, Minn.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, three brothers, and one sister.

Rites held

The funeral for Herman Fredrick Hiepler, 85, Groton, was held Thursday, March 24 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, ^{2 p.m.} with the Rev. Dan Elkins officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Aberdeen. Mr. Hiepler died March 20 at ^{Sunday} Dakota Midland Hospital.

Casketbearers were William Menzel and Gary Zundel, Aberdeen; Dale Hiepler and Clifford Pahl, Ellendale, N.D.; Ronald Hiepler, Sioux Falls; and Ervin Fokken, Maynard, Minn.

The organist was Alvera Neuman and the congregation sang. Robert Schuelke was usher.